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FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT MAY FALL TONIGHT

1. ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY
LATE THIS AFTERNOON (SEPT 17) THE COALITION GOVERNMENT
HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER MARTTI MIETTUNEN MAY RESIGN THIS
EVENING OVER INABILITY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE 1977
BUDGET.

2. THE REPORTS INDICATE THAT BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE
SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED TODAY ENDED IN DISAGREEMENT.
HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT LAST MINUTE
NEGOTIATIONS OR THE INTERVENTION OF PRESIDENT KEKKONEN
COULD ULTIMATELY PREVENT THE GOVERNMENT'S DISSOLUTION.

3. THE EMBASSY REACHED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER JAAKKO
KALELA BY TELEPHONE IN AN EFFORT TO CONFIRM REPORTS.
KALELA IN FACT INDICATED THAT GOVERNMENT PARTIES HAVE
REACHED AN IMPASSE IN THEIR BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS AND
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HE IS PESSIMISTIC THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED.

HE SAID THAT IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED, IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT PRESIDENT KEKKONEN MIGHT INTERVENE.
HOWEVER, HE DOUBTED THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD TAKE
ANY ACTION UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

4. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING OBTAIN FURTHER CONFIRMATION
AND WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS.

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